AMENDMENT IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-78 (cancelled).

79. (new) A method comprising:

receiving an input signal from a network, the input signal comprising an embedded force feedback command;

extracting the force feedback command from the input signal; and

generating an output signal associated with the force feedback command.

80. (new) The method of claim 79, wherein the input signal is associated with at least one of a web page, a java applet, and an ActiveX control.

81. (new) The method of claim 79, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

82. (new) The method of claim 79, wherein the output signal is operable to cause a manipulandum to output a force.

83. (new) The method of claim 79, wherein the output signal is operable to cause a force to be output in a simulation device comprising a processor.

84. (new) The method of claim 79, wherein the input signal is a first input signal and further comprising receiving a second input signal from a manipulandum.

85. (new) The method of claim 84, wherein the output signal is further associated with the second input signal.

86. (new) The method of claim 79, wherein the force feedback command comprises a first force feedback command and further comprising:

receiving the output signal; and

overriding the first force feedback command with a second force feedback command.

87. (new) The method of claim 86, wherein the first force feedback command comprises an authored force feedback command.

88. (new) The method of claim 86, wherein the second force feedback command comprises a generic force feedback command.

89. (new) The method of claim 86, further comprising generating a force feedback effect associated with the second force feedback command.

90. (new) The method of claim 79, further comprising:

receiving the output signal; and

generating a force feedback effect.

91. (new) A method comprising:

receiving a force feedback command;

embedding the force feedback command in an output signal; and

transmitting the output signal to a network.

92. (new) The method of claim 91, wherein the output signal is associated with at least one of a web page, a java applet, and an ActiveX control.

93. (new) The method of claim 91, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

94. (new) The method of claim 91, wherein the force feedback command comprises an authored force feedback command.

95. (new) A computer-readable medium storing instructions to cause a processor to:

receive an input signal from a network, the input signal comprising an embedded force feedback command;

extract the force feedback command from the input signal; and

generate an output signal associated with the force feedback command.

96. (new) The computer-readable medium of claim 95, wherein the input signal is a first input signal and further comprising instructions to receive a second input signal from a manipulandum.

97. (new) The computer-readable medium of claim 95, wherein the force feedback command comprises a first force feedback command and further comprising instructions to:

receive the output signal; and

override the first force feedback command with a second force feedback command.

98. (new) The computer-readable medium of claim 97, wherein the first force feedback command comprises an authored force feedback command.

99. (new) The computer-readable medium of claim 97, wherein the second force feedback command comprises a generic force feedback command.

100. (new) The computer-readable medium of claim 97, further comprising instructions to generate a force feedback effect associated with the second force feedback command.

101. (new) The computer-readable medium of claim 95, further comprising instructions to:

receive the output signal; and

generate a force feedback effect.

102. (new) A computer-readable medium storing instructions to cause a processor to:

receive a force feedback command;

embed the force feedback command in an output signal; and

transmit the output signal to a network.

103. (new) The computer-readable medium of claim 102, wherein the output signal is associated with at least one of a web page, a java applet, and an ActiveX control.

104. (new) The computer-readable medium of claim 102, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

105. (new) The computer-readable medium of claim 102, wherein the force feedback command comprises an authored force feedback command.